

**REQUEST FORM FOR  
APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

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APPLICATION: **041-1894D**

Prior Application No.: **09/506,600**

Prior Art Unit: **2122**

Prior Examiner: **A. Khatri**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a Divisional Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No.

**09/506,600**, filed on **18 February 2000**, entitled **INFORMATION FILTERING METHOD AND  
APPARATUS FOR PREFERENTIALLY TAKING OUT INFORMATION HAVING A HIGH  
NECESSITY**, by the following named inventors: **Toshiki Kindo.**

[ X ] I hereby state that the enclosed application is a true copy of the above-identified prior application Serial No. **09/506,600**

Oath or Declaration

a. [ ] Newly executed (original or copy)

b. [ X ] Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))

i. [ ] Deletion of inventor(s)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

[ X ] Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 2b is checked)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 2b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference

[ X ] Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

5. [ X ] An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.

6. [ X ] Cancel claims **2 - 32**

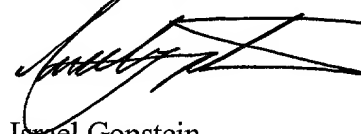
7. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 6 above:

|  | NO. OF CLAIMS |          | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE     | FEE              |
|--|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------------|
| Total Claims   | 6             | MINUS 20 | 0            | x \$18 = | \$ .00           |
| Independent Claims                                       | 1             | MINUS 3  | 0            | x \$80 = | \$ .00           |
| Basic Application Fee                                    |               |          |              |          | \$ 710.00        |
| If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$270.00 |               |          |              |          | \$ .00           |
| Total Application Fee                                    |               |          |              |          | \$ 710.00        |
| Subtract 1/2 if small entity                             |               |          |              |          | \$ .00           |
| <b>TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE</b>                         |               |          |              |          | <b>\$ 710.00</b> |
| <b>AMOUNT PAID BY ACCOMPANYING FORM PTO 2038</b>         |               |          |              |          | <b>\$ 710.00</b> |

- 7a. ☐ Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- 7b. ☐ A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application and such status is still proper and desired.
- 8.a. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, to Deposit Account No. 50-1088.
- 8b. ☒ Enclosed is ☐ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ or ☒ Form PTO 2038 in the amount of \$710.00.
9. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This application is a Division of Application Serial No. 09/506,600 filed February 18, 2000, which is a Division of Application Serial No. 08/707,565 filed September 4, 1996--
10. ☒ Priority of Application Serial No. 7-226172, filed on September 4, 1995 and Application Serial No. 8-031547, filed on February 20, 1996 in Japan is claimed under 35 USC 119. The certified priority documents were filed in Serial No. 08/707,565 on October 22, 1996.
11. ☒ The prior applications are assigned of record to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.
12. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to:  
Israel Gopstein, Registration No. 27,333 and others of the former firm of Lowe, Price, Leblanc & Becker
13. ☒ Also enclosed: 18 pages of drawings.
14. ☐ A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until \_\_.
15. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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